



PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

EDWIN J. FOSTER

*of Massachusetts*

Candidate for Commander-in-Chief

THE Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic will present the name of Comrade Edwin J. Foster as a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief, at the National Encampment in Portland, Maine, Sept. 12, 1929.

Comrade Foster was born in Waterloo, Wisconsin, in 1849.

He enlisted at the age of 14, and served in the 40th Wisconsin Infantry.

After the war he moved to Chicago, where he entered the railroad service. Beginning as a telegraph operator, by his steady application to duty he finally became Assistant General Freight Agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

He was a member of Thomas Post of Chicago for many years.

Later he removed to Worcester, Mass., where he joined George H. Ward Post 10, and in 1924 was elected its Commander, and served two years. Later he was elected to the offices of Junior and Senior-Vice Department Commander. In 1928 he was elected Department Commander, in which office he has served with credit to himself and to the department.

It is nineteen years since Massachusetts has had a Commander-in-Chief.

With the firm belief that Comrade Foster is fully equipped for the office, and that if elected, he will prove himself to be a worthy successor to those who have preceded him in past years, this Department presents his name and asks your co-operation in electing him to the high office of Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed)

JAMES H. WEBB,  
Department Senior-Vice Commander

ALVIN C. HOWES,  
Department Junior-Vice Commander

GEORGE W. NEAD,  
Department Chaplain

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,  
Assistant-Adjutant General

EUGENE D. SANBORN,  
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